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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Greetings:

This is in timely response, with a two-month extension of time, hereby requested, to the Office Action mailed June 12, 2003, wherein the Examiner:

1. Renumbered the claims 1-22 as claims 15-36, respectively.
2. Objected to claims 15 and 17-19, finding that the term "speed exceeding supersonic speed," and exemplary terms, improper.
3. Rejected claims 28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Wessel et al, U.S. Patent No. 3,891,730.

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4. Rejected claims 29, 31, and 34 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Wessel et al, U.S. Patent No. 3,891,730, in view of Riley, U.S. Patent No. 4,988,464.

5. Found claims 15-27, 32, 33, 35, and 36 to be allowable, subject to correction to address the objections noted in no. 2 above.

The following Amendments and Remarks are submitted in response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.